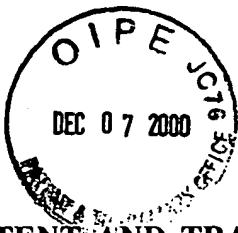


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3. **Term Requested for Suspension**

The suspension of action is requested for the reasonable time period of three months.

4. **Reason for suspension request**

The suspension of action is requested for good and sufficient cause as indicated below:

Applicants would like to have an opportunity to conduct an interview with the Examiner and subsequently file a preliminary amendment.

Respectfully submitted,

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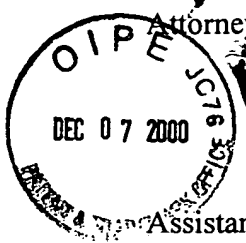
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